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President's MessageBy Connie Clark

It's summertime. Just when we expect things to settle down a bit, chaos breaks out on the steps of the Capitol. The June 26 protest and ensuing riot was a surprise, but not without preparations by the CHP. Many visitors, docents and staff were sequestered on the fourth floor during the disturbance. What to do while waiting? If you have Bill White and other docents, you get a California history lesson and seated "tour" of the Capitol. Thanks to Bill and the others for making the best of the situation and for following recently reiterated CHP safety procedures.

Volunteers, don't forget to take breaks. If you are alone at the WI, Parks staff is available to relieve you for 15-20 minutes. Otherwise, take turns. Remember, only capped bottled water is allowed at the WI, NI and in museum rooms.

Docents continue to volunteer on a variety of tasks. Six of us will represent the Capitol Museum at the **State Fair**. Earl Boynton, Connie Clark, Marilyn Clothier, Dan Collins, Karen Rea and Vicky Rodgers will be at the Sacramento Area Museum (SAM) booth at various times during the run of the fair. SAM has a fabulous booth with lots of activities for kids. Be sure to stop by.

Soon, you will soon be receiving an invitation from Sheila Bruton and Scotty Hodges to assist with the celebration of **Admission Day**. I encourage newer Docents to volunteer. It's a fun, low-key social event with cake and ice cream. What could be easier – and tastier?

Have you started thinking about the Holiday season? We have! We will again be decorating the Museum rooms in beautiful Victorian fashion. Volunteers are needed including chair / co-chair to help Mary Spitzer who has already stepped forward to learn the intricacies of management of this fun event. Additional volunteers will be needed for the decorating!

This is only part of what's going on. Look for more on the River Cats game, Hearst Castle trip, our 35th Anniversary celebration, Election Day living history and other events.

~ Connie

Sunshine Corner:

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Since our last publication we have become awaare of several members to whom we have expressed CSCMVA concern.

- Jan Forbes following a recent surgical procedure
- Verna Magennis recent hospitalization subsequently requiring some rehab



Please remember that If you know of someone who could use a word of encouragement, comfort, or get well wishes, please contact **Scotty Hodges** who thoughtfully expresses CSCMVA support on behalf of our entire membership. Scotty can be contacted at https://hashhogg901@yahoo.com or by phone at 707- 425-1909.

Parking Update: NEW PARKING PROGRAM AT CAPITOL GARAGE

After several months of delays, the Sacramento City Parking Supervisor has assured Treasurer Bob Dennis that the conversion of the Capitol Parking Garage at 10th and L will be complete as of **Monday, July 18th.** Our discounted parking rate program with the City of Sacramento will not change.

Here is how the new system will work as of Monday the 18th. Each volunteer member who is participating in the program will take their current green card to the City Hall Annex Parking Services and Revenue Division, 915 I Street, Room 1214 (the same as we have previously visited) and exchange it for a white magnetic card. From now on, parking will be on a prepaid card. The new card will then need to be taken to the garage machines located on 11th street (where we have traditionally *paid* our charges), and it will ask you to insert cash or a credit card to establish a **PREPAID balance** on the card. Each time you then go in and out of the garage, your discounted parking charges will be deducted from the prepaid balance on your card.

For those of you who are familiar with the transit systems in SF (BART) and Washington DC (Metro), you will recognize this from of system. You create a prepaid balance of, for example, \$20 and each time you park at the garage, the discounted charge will be deducted upon exit from the balance remaining on your card.

REIMBURSEMENT: when you prepay your card, Bob has been assured the machine will issue a receipt for your purchase. **Save your receipt and submit it to the Treasurer for reimbursement**.

The new system requires that you go to the City Parking and Revenue Office for this conversion process AND for the renewal every six months as we have done in the past. All of the details of this new system are posted on the City's website: **sacpark.org** Select "Discount Employee Parking Program (DEPP)" for additional information.

Friendly Reminder: The discounted parking we enjoy is a privilege extended for our use as docents *only* while working at the Capitol. Please do not use it for other downtown activities / events in which you participate.

Reminder: North Capitol Entrance Closed on Weekends

Per Terry Cook's notice, the **North** entrance to the Capitol will be **closed on weekends**. Volunteers are directed to enter via the South door.

"Time's A Wastin!!"

By Alex King



Just like the highly planned and highly strategized game of Baseball, "Time's a Wastin!!!" 'Tis now only a month until our next Sacramento River Cats baseball game, and it is time to send Rachel your check for seats.

Thursday evening, August 18th at 7:05 will be first pitch against the vaunted IOWA Cubs.

You now have less than one month to buy your tickets at **\$19 each** in order to join the rest of the CSCMVA crowd in Section 118, the shadiest section in the ballpark.

Send, give or deliver your check (payable to CSCMVA) to either **Rachel Martinez** or **Alex King**. More information will be coming, but don't forget the amazing talent the River Cats put on the field with many of the players coming from the Big Team roster – the San Francisco Giants, who currently are 6 ½ games ahead of the National League West Los Angeles Dodgers, and may well end up in the World Series again!

Parking is \$10 / car in either parking lot. The "South" lot is a bit closer to the stadium. Vouchers for free parking are available, but you have to go to the River Cats website with the date of the game and assurance of four people in the car. The voucher will be subsequently sent to you.

Admission Day Celebration, Friday, September 9

Once a year we have the opportunity to host a "birthday party" for the State of California, and this year we will celebrate the 166th year of statehood with cake, ice cream and some fun music outside the North entrance to the Capitol!

If you are a new volunteer, or one who has never participated in this event, Sheila Bruton and Scotty Hodges are extending a special welcome to you to be part of this experience. Sign-ups for the Admission Day party will be handled differently this year. Rachel will send out an email to volunteers in early August explaining that the chair persons want new volunteers to have the first opportunity to participate in the event. New volunteers will have approximately two weeks to sign up through Rachel, and in mid-August if there are still openings, other volunteers will be invited to sign up. A notice will be posted on the bulletin board approximately August 15 with the names of the volunteers who have signed up. It will also reflect openings for additional help, as needed.

Of course, all volunteers are welcome to stop by and enjoy cake and ice cream! Sheila and Scotty hope and trust that more experienced / long term volunteers understand this new approach to hosting this event, and they will encourage new volunteers to participate.

Hearst Castle Field Trip: October 4 and 5 (Tuesday and Wednesday)



A scouting party of CSCMVA volunteers has gone to **Hearst Castle** to ensure that the arrangements are secure for our **October 4 – October 5 field trip. Diane Rich, Patty Wood, Sheri Routh** and **Sheila Bruton** are the "advance party" finalizing the details. The photo at left was taken in front of the Visitor Center for the castle.

The planning committee for the overnight bus trip is happy to announce that CSCMVA members may invite a guest to participate in the event. The "guest rate" is \$180.00 (double occupancy). The cost for members preferring a single

occupancy accommodation is also \$180. There are a limited number of rooms remaining, so reservations will be accepted in the order they are received. **Full payment is due to Patty Wood by August 1**st. Contact **Patty Wood** at (916) 967-7931 or **Diane Rich** at (916) 421-1136 with any questions.

Did You Know....

By Clem Dougherty

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[Editor's Note: Clem continues to provide us with information in his series on San Francisco.]

Did you know..... that the partnership Miller and Lux, the subject of last month's <u>Did You Know</u> article in the *Clarion*, played an important role in a major California Supreme Court case deciding water rights in California? Yes it's true. Our story begins with the weather in England. As you know, England is a country where it rains frequently all year long. As a result water is available for domestic and business use all year long. Based on natural conditions, there arose in England a legal doctrine called "riparianism" whereby those properties adjacent to a river had a legal right to use water from the river as long as they did not interfere with the rights of other riparian users. As to those properties away from the banks of the river, those properties got their water from the plentiful ground sources away from the river and had no need to use water from the river. Whether next to a river or not, there was plenty of water for everybody. Thus, riparianism limiting the use of river water to properties adjacent to the river became part of the English Common Law.

Similarly, rain also occurs all year long in that part of the United States east of the Mississippi River. Thus, riparianism took hold in the eastern United States as well. So when the English settled the original colonies on the East Coast and later spread to the entire eastern part of the United States from the Atlantic coast to the Mississippi River, the doctrine of riparianism as part of the English common law became the standard for deciding water rights to rivers in the eastern United States.

However, in that land west of the Mississippi River, rain does not occur all year long. That part of the United States is semi-arid. As a result, ground sources were insufficient to meet the needs of properties away from the river. Those properties away from the river also needed to use water from the river. Thus, there arose in the West, and particularly in California, a doctrine called the "right of prior appropriation" meaning those persons first using the water of the river to irrigate lands away from the river had the prior right to do so even to the detriment of later riparian users.

When the members of the first Legislature met in San Jose in the winter/spring of 1849/1850, they passed a law declaring the English Common Law as the basic law of the state. That included the doctrine of riparianism. Unwittingly, they set the stage for one of the biggest court battles in the

history of the state. That battle took place over the doctrine of riparianism vs. the doctrine of the right of prior appropriation. The case was <u>Lux v. Haggin</u> found in official California Supreme Court decisions at 69C255. The principal parties were Charles Lux and Henry Miller versus James Ben Ali Haggin et al.

In the last edition of the Clarion we saw how millionaires Henry Miller and Charles Lux acquired a cattle empire centered in San Francisco and including properties in California, Nevada, and Oregon. Within that empire were 50 miles of property along the Kern River in the southern San Joaquin Valley purchased by Miller and Lux with an eye toward acquiring riparian rights. James Ben Ali Haggin was also a millionaire investor and owned over a million acres in California, Arizona, and New Mexico including properties here in Sacramento County (Haggin Oaks). Haggin was also the founder of the Kern County Land and Water Company controlling over 400,000 acres in Kern County, Haggin's Kern County properties included vast tracts of land away from the Kern River irrigated by canals carrying water from the Kern River drawn upstream from the riparian lands owned by Miller and Lux. Haggin relied on the right of prior appropriation even though he started drawing water from the Kern River after Miller and Lux acquired their riparian rights. In 1879 Lux and Miller filed a lawsuit against Haggin to stop Haggin from drawing water from the Kern River. The battle took on a social dimension with Lux and Miller being looked upon as the wealthy few who could afford to acquire land adjacent to rivers while the majority of small farmers had to settle on lands away from the rivers. Thus Haggin became the champion of the small farmers. The legal battle went all the way up to the California Supreme Court which at last held that riparian rights prevailed over appropriative rights. Although not as sweeping as riparian owners later claimed, the decision was widely seen as a victory for riparian rights over appropriative rights whether acquired prior to, or subsequent to, riparian users. Lux and Miller had prevailed over James Ali Ben Haggin et al. The wealthy few had prevailed over the not-so-wealthy majority. By virtue of a court order, river water was limited to those properties adjacent to the river.

The Lux vs. Haggin decision of the California Supreme Court outraged the small farmers of California. They prevailed upon the Legislature to pass the Wright Irrigation Act of 1887 that authorized landowners, both riparian and inland, to create irrigation districts by a simple majority vote of landowners within the district. The irrigation districts were to be governed by boards of directors with the power to acquire land and riparian rights and, if necessary, to employ eminent domain (condemnation) to do so. The directors also had the power to construct canals, culverts and ditches so as to



Crop Irrigation in California

transfer water from rivers to inland properties. By virtue of legislative action authorizing the creation of irrigation districts, river water could now be diverted to inland properties. So many small farmers now took advantage of the new law during the 1880s-1890s that California now led the nation in irrigated agriculture.

California's agriculture focused first on the raising of cattle during the 1860s and, when the cattle market ended due to a drought during the late 1860s, the farmers switched to growing wheat as a dry farming product during the 1870s-1880s. Then, when the wheat market in the Mid-West began to replace California as the nation's bread basket during the 1880s-1890s, Lux vs. Haggin and the Wright Irrigation Act came into play just as California's farmers needed to switch from wheat to fruit trees and vegetable crops requiring large amounts of irrigated water away from rivers. Thus Lux vs. Haggin and the Wright Irrigation Act of 1887 played a crucial role in the development of California's agriculture.

Today, as California has evolved from a primarily agricultural state to an increasingly urban / suburban state, former irrigation districts have changed their official names from irrigation districts

to "water districts." For instance, the present day Carmichael Water District started as the Carmichael Irrigation District. The District apparently changed its name to reflect the changing nature of the district from agricultural uses to urban / suburban uses. And as a local example of how Lux Vs. Haggin and the Wright Irrigation Act of 1887 continue to the present time, the Carmichael Water District, lying on the banks of the American River, draws 84% of its water from the American River and provides that water to 38,354 district customers, most of whom reside inland on properties away from the river. Historical action is not a "dead" subject existing only in the past, but continues in the future to impact our present lives in an ever evolving way.

(Sources: Hundley, Jr., Norris, <u>The Great Thirst</u>, pp. 91-105; Rawls and Bean, <u>California, An Interpretive History</u>, 9th ed., pp. 202-204;209-210; Treadwell, Edward F., <u>The Cattle King</u>, pp. 78-94; Carmichael Water District, <u>2015 Consumer Confidence Report</u>,p.1)



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A Christmas "Help Wanted" Request....

Do you love to decorate for the holidays? Well, here is an opportunity to do it on a grand scale. Co-chairs are needed to assume the Christmas decorating tasks at the Capitol. This year they will be "trainees" with help from previous chairs. The expectation is that they will be able to lead this festive activity for Christmas 2017. Mary Spitzer has already volunteered, so we are looking for just ONE PERSON more to

take on this fun project. Most of the work has already been done. Trees and decorations are ready and waiting to be put up. It is not a big job, but it is fun. Please contact **Marylin Thompson** by phone (530-666-3748) or email, marythompson0226@gmail.com, if you are interested.

Volunteer Spotlight

By Asleain "Scotty" Hodges

Prepare to be awed once again as you review this month's Spotlight featuring Volunteer, **Barry Goleman** (another of our newer docents). Barry lives in East Sacramento with wife LuAnne. He has three children and two step-children. His two sons live in the Bay Area, and his daughter currently lives and works in Hong Kong. On his mother's side his California roots go back to his Great-Grandfather who came to California from **Ireland** and worked in the **Bodie Gold Mines**, where his grandmother was born. His father was an Army officer who met and married his mother when he was based at San Francisco's Fort Mason during WWII.

Barry was actually born in **Tokyo w**hen his father was deployed to China and then Japan after the War. (I should have asked if he speaks Japanese!) He grew up on military bases in Oklahoma, Alaska, and Barry Goleman San Francisco. When his father retired, and the family moved to Sunnyvale in what was to become Silicon Valley, he went to high school and college there and lived in the San Jose area until moving to Sacramento in 1980. He and his wife LuAnne then relocated to the Washington, D.C. area, notably Arlington, VA during the 1990's before returning to Sacramento in the year 2000.

Professionally, Barry worked for the **California Department of Motor Vehicles** for nearly 20 years at offices in the Bay Area and its Sacramento headquarters. He then, as noted, moved to the Washington DC area. There, in response to congressional action on truck safety; he built and ran a

computer network that connects all state DMV's for the purpose of tracking Commercial Drivers. For the past 15 years, he has been doing consulting for DMV agencies around the country to improve their business processes and technology. He says that he still enjoys helping his clients but now works as an Independent Contractor and limits his activity to part time.

When I asked how he learned of the Capitol volunteer Docent program and what motivated him to join the Association, he replied: "I came to a prospective volunteer's meeting in the mid-80's when I lived in Sacramento, but the demands of a full-time career and young children kept me from following through at that time. Last summer my wife saw the notice in the paper and knew I would be interested." Barry has a degree in History from San Jose State College whose campus is located not far from the site of California's first capitol. (To refresh your memory, the first and second State Legislative sessions held in 1850 and 1851 were convened in the San Jose Capitol, a two-story adobe hotel.) He says that his background in history and his interest in government are a big help to him. He is also impressed with the restoration of the building and loves sharing details of the restoration with visitors.

Barry loves being a Volunteer Docent because he really enjoys meeting people that are interested in hearing about the Capitol and California history. He says he has had wonderful conversations with long-time residents that have never been in the Capitol, and with foreign visitors to this country who want to know how the people's business is done here. He feels that sharing information about the Capitol and California history with visitors is quite rewarding. Some days he admits that he learns as much or more from visitors about their specific knowledge of history as he shares with them about the Capitol.

To date he has enjoyed participating in the Living History Event on Women's Suffrage and looks forward to being active in more Capitol events. He indicates that he would love to climb up the interior of the Dome to the Cupola on top. He has already climbed the Domes of St. Peter's at the Vatican and St. Paul's in London. He inquires if I can get him an invitation? Unfortunately, the last Volunteer tour of the Dome was a few years back, and tours have ended, but asking never hurts. Lastly, folks might be surprised to know that over his extensive career of working with state governments, Barry has been to all 50 states and, in most cases, to their capitols; very impressive!

Barry and LuAnne have recently returned from a two week vacation in Denmark. He reports that the Danes love our July 4th holiday, so they celebrate with splendid fireworks there as well!

What a diverse and interesting group this new class has brought into our network! We are indeed fortunate to have Barry's wealth of knowledge and skills added to our eclectic mix of volunteers. I am so fortunate to be the one uncovering these fascinating personal stories! Stay focused for the next "Spotlight," as I cannot wait to discover the golden nuggets in the next volunteer's personal history!

Interested in Knowing About Upcoming Events on the Capitol Grounds?

Recent events have drawn our attention to activities on the Capitol grounds, and if you are interested in knowing what organizations may be on site when you arrive, you can easily find out by checking the **CHP Capitol Permits Website**: https://capitolpermits.chp.ca.gov/Home/Welcome

Click on "View Events" to learn who will be there on any given day. If interested in learning more about the organization, click on the organization to see who they are, where they will be, and what they will be doing. It is an easy and informative process. Thank you, President Connie, for sharing this resource with us!

Minutes of the CSCMVA Board Meeting July 6, 2016

By Marylin Thompson, Secretary

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Meeting was Called to Order by President, Connie Clark

<u>Minutes</u> of the June meeting were accepted as mailed.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Dennis reported that even though we show a net loss for last month, we are actually on track and in line with overall budget projections. There were several large expenses last month: large purchase of bookstore inventory and purchase of August River Cats tickets which will be recouped. Bob reported that he is not in favor of suspending or reducing CSCMVA annual dues in case there is a slowdown in Bookstore revenue. The penny smasher has produced income for 2016 of \$1,400. Bob reported on research he and Barry



Board of Directors 2016

Back Row L to R: Bob Dennis, Marylin Thompson, Ron Lauchner, Bob Dreyer (Past President), David Keck and Front Row: Bill Monahan, Randall Williams, Connie Clark, PJ Jones. (Julie Mallett is missing from photo)

Goleman have done on the purchase of a laptop for the preparation and retention of CSCMVA documents. They recommend a Dell Latitude 14 inch, 3000 series. The base price is \$569, but with add ons for software, external drives, etc., the total is at least \$1,200. This purchase will provide a computer with ample storage and backup for quite a while. Since the original motion allowed for \$800, and the final price is not firm, the original motion was amended to provide for a total purchase of \$1,500. M/S/P unanimously.

<u>Bookstore:</u> Mary Geach reported that net income for June was \$2,922 approximately the same as June 2015. Forty-four penny smasher books were sold in June. Mary read a letter received by the Bookstore from a 4th grade boy who had visited the Capitol recently and helped himself to a penny smasher book. He apologized for his theft, returned the book and promised it would never happen again. The Bookstore continues to give out change for the penny smasher and is happy to do so. Eleven WWII posters were sold in May and June. There are 9 *Rosie* and 10 *Victory Garden* posters remaining. Mary has purchased a supply of plastic sleeves to roll them into when sold. Poster price is now \$7.50.

<u>Membership:</u> Mary reported that the engraver who engraves the badges and hour pins is retiring the end of July, so Mary will need to find a replacement and welcomes suggestions. She will try to get a supply made before he leaves.

State Parks Report:

: Casey Hayden

- Gave another reminder that food and beverages are not allowed when working at the WI desk.
- As a follow up to the recent melee on the capitol grounds, Casey emphasized that all volunteers should heed directives from the CHP or whatever agency is in charge.
- The contract between CSCMVA and Parks expires in August. Parks is not concerned about having a separate MOU. The contract needs to be revised to reflect our specific organization.

Rachel reported that 6 or 7 people have volunteered to work in the Sacramento Area Museums (SAM) State Fair Booth.

<u>Legislative Liaison</u>: no report in absence of Alex King

<u>Historic Commission Report:</u> Bob Dreyer stated he had nothing to report.

Children's Activities: no report

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Hearst Castle Trip: The trip is now open to non-CSCMVA members. The price will probably be an additional \$50. It is also possible for a person to have a single room instead of sharing a room, but there will be an additional \$100 charge.

35th **Anniversary Celebration**: Cannot reserve the Eureka Room more than 3 months in advance, so don't have a definite date. Tasting of food choices has been done and a budget amount is needed. How large should the party be?

Living History Survey/New Play: There have been approx. 40 responses to the member survey. Rachel will re-send the survey with a response deadline. Work on a new script will not begin without membership support. **Comments**: it has <u>always</u> been hard to get enough volunteers to work on living history days. Why? Publicity needs to be better and use social media. Most people who come to living history just happened to be at the capitol. It is a worthwhile project regardless of attendance. It is a lot of work for a low attendance. Survey results will be analyzed and a decision will be made regarding preparation of a new script.

Admissions Day: Sheila Bruton reported that plans are going well. She has a request in to the National Guard for a color guard and is working on some music. Also, since this is usually a very popular event for volunteers, perhaps there have been more volunteers than necessary in the past, and the booth has been crowded. She suggested that new volunteers be given priority as a way of getting them more involved. Rachel will send out an email to this effect.

NEW BUSINESS:

Archives Project: Connie is working on a project to get all CSCMVA documents archived in one official place – on the new laptop. This will become the official version and access will be through the Recording Secretary, via email and/or flash drive. Access to the computer will be limited.

Christmas Decorations: Mary Spitzer has expressed interest in being a "trainee" this year with the expectation of taking it over next year. She does not want to be in charge this year and would like a "co-trainee." Marti will put an article in *Clarion* asking for volunteers. Marylin has agreed to orient them this year. There is no plan to expand on what was done last year.

The August Board meeting will be <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>August 3 at 1:00 PM.</u>
All members are encouraged to attend. WID will have information on the room assignment.

Finally, A Noteworthy Fact About California

Submitted by Connie Clark based on a recent article in the Sacramento Bee

California's Economy Regains 6th Place Globally

California has regained its place as the sixth largest economy globally. "(This is) a statement of the size and significance of the state's economy to the world, and the United States," according to Jeff Michaels, director of the University of the Pacific Center for Business and Policy Research.

The Sacramento Bee reports, "Using data from the International Monetary Fund and the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, the State Department of Finance said California jumped ahead two

spots in the annual rankings in 2015, up from No. 8 the year before." Much of this is due to the latest high-tech boom.

California has surpassed France and Brazil. Current rankings are:

- 1. United States
- 2. China

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- 3. Japan
- 4. Germany
- 5. United Kingdom
- 6. California

Many of our visitors are surprised to hear how important California is to the global economy. This is an interesting fact that can be shared when hosting Capitol visitors!

Upcoming Events:

Board of Directors Meeting: Wednesday, August 3 at 1 PM

River Cats Baseball:

Deadline for ticket purchase Monday, August 1

Game Thursday, August 18 at 7 PM

Admission Day: Friday, September 9

Hearst Castle Field Trip:

Full Payment Due: Monday, August 1

Field Trip: Tues. – Weds., October 4 – 5

Election Day Living History: Saturday, October 22

CSCMVA 35th Anniversary Celebration: Saturday, November 5

Holiday Music Program: December 1 - 23

To Use the Capitol Museum website, below: Copy the address to your web browser and then save the website to your list of "Favorites" or "Bookmark" it.

http://portal.parks.ca.gov/CapitalDistrict/CapitolMuseum/CapitolMuseumVolunteers

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Tour Guide Office: 324-0333 Scheduler's Desk: 324-2088Capitol Tours daily 9 am – 4 pm. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day